class IX from the academic year 2005-06 and in class X from the academic year 2006-07. The Board is also in the process of planning and developing appropriate strategies in respect of other subjects.

Women literacy and employment

†686. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the comparative status with regard to women literacy and employment, State-wise, particularly in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) the details of the schemes being formulated and implemented by Government to educate women and to create employment opportunities for them in Uttar Pradesh; and

(c) the amount allocated and released by Government in this regard during the last three years and the amount utilized under this head so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) A Statement showing State-wise number of literate women in 7+ age group as per 2001 Census and number of women employed in the organised sector as available with Directorate General of Employment and Training, Employment Market Information Programme as on 31.3.2003 is enclosed as per Statement (*See* below).

(b) The main objective of National Literacy Mission is to impart functional literacy to non-literates in the age group of 15-35 years through literacy campaigns. The literacy programme is followed by linking literacy with skill upgradation and quality of life improvement in the Continuing Education Programme. Further under the scheme of Jan Shikshan Sansthan, vocational training programmes in various trades are provided to the beneficiaries including women.

In Uttar Pradesh, all districts have been covered under Literacy Campaigns. Of these, 21 districts are implementing Continuing Education Programme. In addition, 31 Jan Shikshan Sansthans have been set up in Uttar Pradesh to impart vocational training to the targeted beneficiaries including women.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) The details of allocation and expenditure under various programmes of National Literacy Mission during the last three years are given below:-

(Rupees in lakhs)

Financial year	Budget allocation	Expenditure
2002-03	21500.00	20292.65
2003-04	21950.00	21985.75
2004-05	23624.00	22690.69

Statement

Statement showing state wise number of literate women and women employed in organised sector

(Figures in Thousand)

Sl. No.	Name of the State/UT	No. of literate women (as per 2001 Census)	No. of Women employed (as on 31.3.2003)
1	2	3	4
1.	Andhra Pradesh	16490	474
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	182	—
3.	Assam	5827	319
4.	Bihar	10465	107
5.	Chhattisgarh	4462	42
6.	Delhi	3964	123
7.	Goa	445	15
8.	Gujarat	11994	214
9.	Haryana	4613	98
10.	Himachal Pradesh	1763	47
11.	Jammu and Kashmir	1746	23
12.	Jharkhand	4130	*
13.	Karnataka	12774	581
14.	Kerala	12732	475

1	2	3	4
15.	Madhya Pradesh	11920	141
16.	Maharashtra	26781	562
17.	Manipur	557	19
18.	Meghalaya	544	19
19.	Mizoram	311	11
20.	Nagaland	492	13
21.	Orissa	7845	102
22.	Punjab	6315	141
23.	Rajasthan	9655	165
24.	Sikkim	129	—
25.	Tamil Nadu	17715	726
26.	Tripura	871	27
27.	Uttaranchal	2097	33
28.	Uttar Pradesh	26818	216
29.	West Bengal	19744	242
30.	A&N Islands	106	6
31.	Chandigarh	261	19
32.	D&N Haveli	32	—
33.	Daman & Diu	37	1
34.	Lakshadweep	20	—
35.	Pondicherry	318	8

*The figures for Jharkhand was included in the parent State i.e. Bihar.

Contribution to Vidyalaya Vikas Nidhi

687. SHRI RAM NATH KOVIND: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the SC/ST students of Kendriya Vidyalayas, who are exempted from payment of tuition fees, are being charged an amount ranging from Rs. 160 to Rs. 200 per month as compulsory contribution to Vidyalaya Vikas Nidhi;